for the project. Proposed Call Charges are as follows :—

(i) Local calls within the Cellular Area :

Within the Cellular Service area, only airtime charges at the rate of 10 second 5>er unit call will be charged (Normal rate).

(ii) Originating calls from Cellular to fixed network. For calls originated by the mobile subscriber, air-time charges at 10 second per unit call plus call charges as applicable for the fixed work for Local/STD/ISD calls.

(iii) Terminating calls to the Cellular Network.

For calls terminating at the mobile subscriber, airtime charges at 10 second per unit call will be levied.

In addition to the normal airtime charges mentioned above there are 2 additional rates one for peak time and the other for Holidays. The peak time rates are as below :

The call charges for airtime during peak hours shall not exceed double the rates prescribed as above (5 seconds).

The peak time will be restricted to maximum of 4 hours per day. The peak hours will be fixed by the licensee in consultation with Telecom Authority.

All charges for airtime during Sundays and National Holidys shall be half of the fates prescribed, i.e. 20 seconds per unit call plus charges as applicable as above.

**Annual growth rate of earning per employee**

1219. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased *to* state the annual growth rate of earnings per employee in top 10 developing countries and in India.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : A statement ir placed below :

*Annual percentage growth rate of earnings per employee in top* 10 *developing countries in India*

| Country | Period | |
|---|---|---|
| | 1970—80 | 1980—89 |
| India . . | 0.4 | 3.0 |
| Bangladesh . | —3.0 | 0.9 |
| China . . | N.A. | 4.2 |
| Kenya . . | —3.4 | 0.1 |
| Pakistan . . | 3.4 | 6.1 |
| Sri Lanka . | N.A. | 2.1 |
| Thailand . | 1.0 | 6.5 |
| Malaysia . | 2.0 | 3.2 |
| Mexico . . | 1.2 | —3.9 |
| Brazil . . | 3.6 | 2.6 |
| Repl. of Korea | 10.0 | 6.3 |

N.A. Not available,

**Estimate of gold held in private reserver**

1220. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of FINAN-CE be pleased-to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently estimated the stock of gold held' in private reserves- in the cotmtry at present;

(b) if so what is the quantum and value thereof;

(c) whether Government have drawn any plan to utilise this gold reserve for some-productive use; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) No,. Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**सिगरेटों पर उत्पाद शुल्क**

1221. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सिगरेटों पर वसूल किए जा रहे उत्पाद शुल्क का प्रति-

गत पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में कम कर दिया गया है ;

(ख) 1986-87 और 1991-92 के वर्षों के दौरान उत्पाद शुल्क के माध्यम से कितना-कितना राजस्व अर्जित किया गया; और

(ग) सरकार सिगरेटों पर उत्पाद शुल्क बढ़ाने के लिए क्या प्रयास कर रही है ?

**वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर ठाकुर):** (क) सिगरेटों पर उत्पाद शुल्क उनकी लम्बाई के आधार पर मात्रानुसार दरों पर लगाया जाता है। वर्ष 1992-93 के बजट में सिगरेटों पर मात्रानुसार शुल्क की दरें बढ़ाई गई थी।

(ख) वर्ष 1986-87 और 1991-92 के दौरान सिगरेटों से प्राप्त केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क की राशि क्रमशः 1307.51 करोड़ रुपये और 2387.07 करोड़ रुपये (अन्तिम) है।

(ग) क्योंकि अभी अगला बजट पेश किया जाने वाला है, इसलिए इस बात को ध्यान में रखते हुए इस संबंध में और कुछ बताना संभव नहीं है।

**Steps to strengthen the Reserve Bank of India's working**

1222. SHRl VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV : Will (he Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that as a result of Scam, Government have taken immediate steps to improve and strengthen' the working of Reserve Bank of India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(t) what further steps including 'strike forces Have been finalised for implemen-tfttoh during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBJ) have reported that in the context of changes taking place in the financial markets, it has been reviewing its supervisory/regulatory role on an on' going basis and taking steps *to* respond to the challenges. Sortie of the measures already taken by RBI in this regard include introduction of a computerised system for the processing of SGL transactions in its Public Debt Office, constitution of a cell for supervision of funds management operations and undertaking of all exercise on evolving a proper statistical format for reporting and analysing of portfolio management scheme data. It has also been decided to set up a Supervisory Budy under the aegis of RBI and a Special Bureau for handling frauds of large magnitude and extreme complexity. Further, RBI is examining the matter regarding creation of a 'Strike Force'.

**Anti-corruption action plan for banks and Financial Institutions**

1223. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHA-JIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have directed Reserve Bank of India to formulate an effective anti-corruption action plan for public sector banks and financial institutions;

(b) if so what are the details of directions given and plan formulated alongwith the weaknesses in the existing provisions; and

(c) what are the details of steps being taken to protect the interests of investors in private /cooperative banks and financial institutions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) In May, 1985 Government of India had forwarded an action plan on anti-corruption measures to all public sector banks, which envisaged action on their part and reporting to the Government regarding streamlining existing rules and procedures etc., staffing pattern, strengthening of vigilance machinery,